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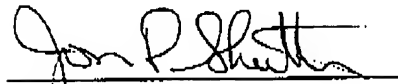
The present application was allowed on October 12, 2004. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's efforts in connection with the present application.

Comments that accompanied the Notice of Allowance (page 2) stated that no prior art teaches: a method of obtaining data for a geographic database where the road grade values of adjacent subsections differ by a value greater than a predetermined amount, identifying the location between the adjacent subsections as a grade change point; storing data that define the grade change point in the geographic database.

Applicants note that the above claim elements are present in allowed independent Claim 17; however, these claim elements are not present in allowed independent Claims 1 and 9. Accordingly, Applicants submit that these claim elements should not be used to construe allowed independent Claims 1 and 9 of the present application.

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